



Town of Westport
Planning and Zoning Commission
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Public Meeting: May 14, 2020

Decision: May 14, 2020

May 15, 2020

Honorable James Marpe, First Selectman
110 Myrtle Avenue
Westport, CT 06880

RE: §8-24 Request to accept a Non-Monetary Gift (Sculpture) and locate this Structure on Town-owned property (Westport Library) at 20 Jesup Road, PID #C09130000, in the Residence AA District

Dear First Selectman Marpe:

In response to your request authorizing Nancy Diamond, Co-Chair of the Westport Arts Advisory Committee, to seek a report from the Planning and Zoning Commission pursuant to CGS §8-24, Municipal Improvement, for acceptance of a non-monetary gift as required by the Town of Westport's Gift Policy, revised 11/12/14, the Planning and Zoning Commission offers the following findings and recommendations:

Findings

1. Nancy Diamond, Co-Chair of the Westport Arts Advisory Committee, requested a report from the Planning and Zoning Commission pursuant to CGS §8-24, Municipal Improvement, for acceptance of a non-monetary gift as required by the Town of Westport's Gift Policy, revised 11/12/14.
2. The gift comes in the form of a sculpture entitled "*Rock Paper Scissors Monument*," to be located in front of the Westport Library at the top of Jesup Green at 20 Jesup Road.
3. The Town's Gift Policy requires review and approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Selectman, and RTM before acceptance.
4. The Board of Selectman accepted the gift at their 4/22/20 meeting.
5. Correspondence from members of the public was received in support of the proposal.
6. A Public Meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission was held on May 14, 2020.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED it was moved by Mr. Lebowitz and seconded by Ms. Dobin to issue a **POSITIVE REPORT** for **20 Jesup Road (Westport Library)**, PID#C09130000: §8-24, Municipal Improvement Request submitted on behalf of the Westport Arts Advisory Committee to Accept a Gift in the form of Art (Rock Paper Scissors Sculpture).

Reasons

1. The generous donation of the sculpture is found to be consistent with the *2017 Plan of Conservation and Development* that recognizes the value of arts and culture to the community and emphasis is placed on the importance of the Town encouraging facilities for the arts, both public and private (pg. 38).


Recommendations

1. Review by the RTM should be scheduled consistent with the Town's Gift Policy.
2. A variance application to the Zoning Board of Appeals should be submitted to locate the sculpture as proposed on a grass median as this will increase (albeit modestly) the existing non-conforming Coverage on site.

VOTE:

AYES	-6-	{Dobin, Stephens, Rutstein, Cammeyer, Lebowitz, Olefson}
NAYS	-1-	{Walsh}
ABSTENTIONS	-0-	

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Danielle Dobin, with the letters "AT" written at the end.

Danielle Dobin, Chair
Planning and Zoning Commission

cc: Nancy Diamond, Co-Chair, Westport Arts Advisory Committee
Kathleen Bennewitz, WAAC
Bill Harmer, Executive Director, Westport Library
Gary Conrad, Finance Director
Brian Stern, BOF Chairman
Velma Heller, RTM Moderator
Matt Mandell, Chairman, RTM P&Z Committee
Ira Bloom, Town Attorney
Eileen Flug, Assistant Town Attorney